

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2014 California Winter Storms



3/1/14– 6:30 PM

EVENT SUMMARY

- A strong winter storm with heavy rains and thunderstorms entered Northern California on Wednesday, 2/26/14, and spread south. Northern and Southern California experienced heavy rains which will continue through Sunday evening, 3/2/14, in the southern portion of California.
- Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties activated their Emergency Operation Centers to support local jurisdictions which experienced impacts in recently burned areas with mud and debris flows and localized flooding. [Local Emergency Operation Center activations include Los Angeles County, City of Glendora, City of Azusa, City of Monrovia and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Services Agency \(ICEMA\) has activated their Department Operations Center.](#)
- Concerns over the potential impacts from the recent Pfeiffer fire in Monterey County prompted the county to proclaim a State of Emergency which allowed the placement of independent contractors at the burn area to mitigate potential mud flows from the storms. This mitigation was successful because no mud is flowing across the roadways.
- Mandatory evacuations are in place in the Glendora and Azusa area affecting [1,012](#) residences [and the City of Monrovia has an advisory affecting 200 residences.](#)
- [Currently, there are two evacuation centers located in Los Angeles County.](#)
- There are power outages currently affecting [4,900](#) customers throughout the Southern California service area--not heavily concentrated in any one locale.
- While there have been no lifeline closures, several highways and local roads remain closed.
- There are no reports of major damage. [There is moderate damage to two homes in Glendora and two homes in Azusa.](#)
- [The current storms are predicted to leave Southern California on 3/2/14.](#)

EVENT SUMMARY — cont'd

Proclamations

- Monterey County
- City of Glendora
- City of Monrovia
- City of Azusa

WEATHER FORECAST

Current Weather :

➤ Northern California

General rain accumulations in Northern California in the past 24 hours have ranged between 0.03 inches in Stockton to 4.41 inches in the Mining Ridge area of Monterey County. Watershed areas in northern California generally receive 1-2 inches of precipitation, however, the Shasta Dam area received 1.12 inches of precipitation in the last 24 hour period. The remainder of the forecasted area has received .04 inches – up to 1.0 inch

➤ Current average snow water equivalents, percent of normal for this date

North: 18 percent (7 percent increase in 72 hours)

Central: 36 percent (7 percent increase in 72 hours)

South: 36 percent (16 percent increase in 72 hours)

➤ Southern California

General rain accumulations in the past 48 hours have ranged from 1 to 2 inches. Southern California will not be finished with the potential for heavy showers capable of mudflows until the low passes to the east late Saturday night. Rainfall rates yesterday were as high as 0.40" in 8 minutes in downtown Los Angeles, and 1.3" per hour in the San Gabriel Mountains. This could occur again today in the heavier showers and thunderstorms. Additional amounts expected through Saturday 1-2" coasts/valleys, 2-4" foothills, 3-6" mountains below 6000 feet. This will make storm totals much as predicted with a maximum over 10 inches in the mountains of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Snow levels will around 5500 feet through Saturday.

CRITICAL CONCERNS

MANDATORY EVACUATIONS

- Cities of Azusa and Glendora for 1,020 residences in the Colby Fire burn area
- City of Monrovia for 200 residences. As of 1800 hours today, revised to Advisory.
- Lake Hughes for 12 homes due to flooding and mudslides today

EVACUATION CENTERS

- Glendora - Crowther Teen Center, 241 West Dawson Avenue
- Monrovia - Monrovia Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue

POWER OUTAGES

- Currently affecting 4,900 customers throughout the Southern California Edison service area. Power outages not heavily concentrated in any one spot.

DAMAGES

- There are no reports of major damage.
- There is moderate damage to two homes in Glendora and two homes in Azusa.

ROAD CLOSURES-STATE ROUTES

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS REPORT AT 4:00 ON 3/1/14

- **SR 2**

3.2 mi west of the junction of I 210 to 6 mi east of La Canada (Los Angeles Co) – due to a rock slide - motorists are advised to use an alternate route

From Pasadena to the junction of SR 39 (Los Angeles Co) - due to low visibility - motorists are advised to use an alternate route

From one mile east of Newcomb's Ranch to Islip saddle (Los Angeles Co) - due to snow

At Big Pines (Los Angeles Co) - due to a rock slide - a detour is available

- **SR 33**

In the Southern California area from 0.5 mi south of Los Padres National Forest (Ventura Co) to the Ventura/Santa Barbara Co line - due to mud slides - motorists are advised to use an alternate route.

- **SR 39**

In the Southern California area -from 1 mi north of Azusa to 5.5 mi south of Islip saddle (Los Angeles co) - due to safety concerns - motorists are advised to use an alternate route

From 4.5 mi south of Islip saddle (Los Angeles Co) - due to storm damage - motorists are advised to use an alternate route

- **SR 41**

In the Central California area 8 mi south of the Junction of SR 229 /at Homestead Rd/ (San Luis Obispo Co) - due to downed power lines - motorists are advised to use an alternate route



ROAD CLOSURES-STATE ROUTES

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS REPORT AT 4:00 ON 3/1/14

- **SR 74** In the Southern California area-from 15.2 mi west to 5.2 mi west of the junction of I 15 (Riverside Co) Due to rock slides -motorists are advised to use an alternate route
- **SR 89**
In the Central California area & Sierra Nevada from the Junction of US 395 (Mono Co) to the Junction of SR 4 /Monitor Pass/ (Alpine Co) - due to snow - motorists are advised to use an alternate route.
- **SR 140**
Vehicles over 45 feet are prohibited & one way controlled traffic for all other vehicles 20 mi East of Mariposa (Mariposa Co) 24 hours a day 7 days a week - due to slide repairs
- **SR 152**
One-way controlled traffic 2 mi east of Los Banos (Merced Co) - due to downed power pole
A high wind advisory is in effect from Santa Clara/Merced Co line to the junction of I 5 in Merced Co and Pacheco Pass – travel is not recommended for campers, trailers or permit loads.
- **SR 173** From 2 mi East of Hesperia /at Lake Arrowhead Rd/ to 8.6 mi West of the junction of SR 189 /at Rifle Range Rd/ (San Bernardino Co) 24 hours a day 7 days a week - due to safety concerns - motorists are advised to use an alternate route



ROAD CLOSURES-LOCAL

No lifeline routes closed. Numerous roads are closed due to rockslides and weather.

San Bernardino County

- San Timoteo Canyon Road is closed from Alessandro Road in Redlands.
- Nesthorn Drive at Bergschrund Drive – Crestline Area
- Valley of the Falls Drive at Canyon Road – Forest Falls
- Wrightwood - Lone Pine Canyon Road from Hwy 138 to East Canyon Drive

Los Angeles County

- Bouquet Canyon Road From 1.9 Miles North of Vasquez Canyon Road to 0.6 Miles South of Big Oaks Lodge ([Agua Dulce](#))
- Elizabeth Lake Rd from Pine Canyon Rd to Munz Ranch Rd, [limited access \(Castaic/Lake Hughes\)](#)

ROAD CLOSURES-LOCAL

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- Angeles National Forest - Glendora Ridge Road from Mount Baldy Road to Glendora Mountain Road; Glendora Mountain Road from Big Dalton Road to East Ford Road; Upper Tujunga Canyon Road from Angeles Crest Hwy to Angeles Forest Hwy; Mt. Wilson Red Box Rd from Video Rd. to Angeles Crest Highway to Aliso Canyon Rd; Big Tujunga Canyon Rd from Angeles Forest Hwy to the Los Angeles City Boundary
- Old San Gabriel Road from the Azusa City Boundary to Angeles National Forest
- Avenue T from Longview Road to 165th Street East (Pearblossom)
- East 90th Street from Juniper Street to S. Alameda Street (Florence/Firestone)
- Frontier Circus Street from Avenue P-8 to Stagecoach Avenue (Lake Los Angeles)
- 134th Street West from Lancaster Road to Avenue G-12 (Del Sur)
- 30th Street West from Avenue D to Avenue A (Del Sur)
- Avenue C from 30th Street West to Sierra Highway (Del Sur)



MISSION TASKING

REGION MISSIONS

SREOC Agency Representative Missions

- A California Highway Patrol Agency Representative was assigned to staff the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center to provide intelligence and coordination regarding road closures and traffic. This will be staffed through Sunday, 3/2/14.
- A Caltrans Agency Representative was assigned to staff the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center to provide intelligence regarding road closures and damage. This will be staffed through Sunday, 3/2/14.